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QUOTING AUTHORIZED, AND OBVIOUSLY OFFICIAL, SOURCES,
LE MONDE OF NOV. 1 AND SEVERAL OTHER NEWS MEDIA REPORT
THE FRENCH REACTION TO THE NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL OF
OCT. 29 CRITICIZING THE PROPOSED FRENCH SALE OF A
REPROCESSING PLANT TO SOUTH KOREA.

1. "IT IS A QUESTION OF A PILOT PLANT TO BE USED FOR
TRAINING PERSONNEL AND NOT OF A PLANT OF INDUSTRIAL
SIZE.

2. ALTHOUGH SOUTH KOREA HAS RATIFIED THE NUCLEAR NON-
PROLIFERATION TREATY, WHICH SUBMITS IT TO THE CONTROL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY, THE FRENCH
GOVERNMENT HAS INSISTED ON SIGNING WITH SOUTH KOREA AND
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IAEA A TRILATERAL AGREEMENT WHICH STRENGTHENS THE

CONTROL ON THE INSTALLATIONS AND ON THE PRODUCTION
SETTING UP THEREBY A SUPER-CONTROL WHICH SHOWS THE
DESIRE OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT NOT TO CONTRIBUTE TO
NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION.

3. THE DESIRE OF SOUTH KOREA TO ENTER THE FIELD
OF REPROCESSING OF IRRADIATED NUCLEAR FUELS RESULTS FROM
THE EXISTENCE OF A PROGRAM OF CONSTRUCTION OF NUCLEAR
POWER STATIONS IN SOUTH KOREA ACCEPTED FOR SEVERAL YEARS
NOW BY THE U. S. SINCE TWO OF THESE STATIONS HAVE BEEN
FURNISHED BY THE AMERICAN FIRM WESTINGHOUSE AND TWO
OTHERS WILL BE FURNISHED BY CANADA."
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